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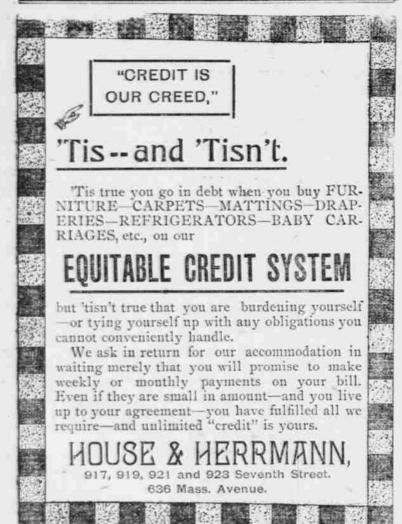
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People to Be Benefitted Must First

Move in the Matter-Inclined to

Favor Pneumatic Propulsion.

He was asked yesterday what he thought

street car mail service for this city. He replied that such a service was in use on

several of the suburban lines, among which

be mentioned the mail route by electric car from Georgetown to Tennallytown, The suggestion that such service be made

general, he said, was deserving of seri-ous attention, although it was not a mat-

ter in which the initiative would be taken

the City Post-office authorities.

sentations would receive due and co

present. The cable car service will some extent necessitate a reorganization

Postmaster Willett has not received a

communication from the Postoffice De-partment on the subject.

CHARGED WITH ARSON.

that was set fire in a mysterious fashion

on the night of the 4th of July, was ar rosted last night by Policemen Schneider

Investigation convinced the men that Price had set fire to it himself with some

and in view, and they arrested him last

Horse Hurt by a Trolley Car.

and U streets about 5 o'clock last evening.

one of the animal's feet being cut off. Sergi. Kenny shot the horse. The driver of the wagon, Joseph Scott, is to blame, the po-lice say, for the accident.

Turned Over to Maryland Officers.

Lynch and turned over to the Monte.

Wesley Sullivan, an iron worker, twenty-nine years of age, was arrested by Officer

sed wagons was knocked by Eck

A horse attached to one of Daish & Co.'s

he letter currier force

saturated with coal oil.

the proposition to establish a postal

rvice of Washington.

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We purchased the entire Summer stock of the Wilmington firm from the assignee and have placed all the Suits, no matter what the former price or cost to manufacture, on sale at \$4.98-some are worth as high as \$18, and there are lots of them.

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Any Child's Combination Suit in the house, with EXTRA PANTS and CAP, PATENT WAIST BANDS, DOUBLE SEAT and KNEES-worth \$2.50 to \$5.00. Splendid values at that. All now at

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Every 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$2.50 Straw Hat for

45c.

### H. Friedlander & Bro

9th and E Sts. N. W.

county authorities last evening for the larceny of \$29 from Harold Camp, of No. 2800 M street northwest. The their oc-oursed at Chevy Chase. James Lee, a colored Baptist minister's on, was last night locked in No. 8 auton by Officer Elliot on the charge f assaulting two women in Richardson's Get your Cabinet Photo Free.

Early Completion of the Dalecarlia Reservoir Assured.

Reasons Assigned for Present Color of Hydrant Supply-Appointments Expected-Extension of Thirty-Seventh Street-Contracts Forwarded For General Supplies,

The gratifying information was com-nunicated to Commissioner Ross yesterday that the work on the Dalcarlia reservoir, in charge of Col. George H. Elhott, of the Corps of Engineers, is so far advanced that the completion is but a matter of a short time. Col. Elliott is of the opinion that in six weeks he can have the servoir ready for use.

The Dalecarha is an additional reservoir that has been for a number of years out of service. Its absence from the water of service, its absence from the water system accounts in large measure for the muddy druking fluid with which the citizens of the District have been at intervals regaled. Its restoration will,

in like degree, remove this annoyance.

The grouble now is that when there is a heavy rainfall the Potomac gets very muddy. Owing to the great demand the supply passes into and out of the main reservoir in about equal proportions, and has no time to settle. It passes into the mains and thence to the hydrants in a very much disturbed condition, and its consumption in that condition follows as a natural sequence.

It is confidently anticipated that when

the Delecarlia reservoir is ready for busi-ness there will be no more complaint of muddy water. The reservoir was abandoned several years ago because of its danger of contamination from the drainage of polluted water and sewage. To remove this danger is the work upon which Col. Elliott is now employed, and he predicts

SOME EARLY APPOINTMENTS. Several important appointments are yet of the made by the Commissioners, and their announcement may be expected early next week. Commissioners Trussdell and Powell are obsent from the city, but are expected to return on Monday, and these appointmentatog-ther with othermatters of moment will be considered by the full

moment with be considered by the full board.

Among the new offices evented under the last apprepriation bill is an additional assistant in the office of the building inspector. The District Commissioners sought to have the force of the building impector increased by four, and in this they were supported by the District labor organizations. Congress, however, limited the number to bare one, and the appointee will be named at an early day.

It is stated that there are about fifty applications on the for the place, all of which have passed through the building inspector's hands, and are new on the board table. The applicants are all well recommended, and believed to be well quantied. It is possible that there will be a competitive examination.

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The Commissioners are preparing to open Thirty seventh street between Back street and Tenositytown road. In accordance with the not of Congress approved March 2, 1895. If property can be precared at satisfactory rates, parchase will be made of the ground accessary for the extension. Notices were issued vesterable to property-owners requesting that they examine the plat in the office of the Engineer Commissioner and to state the piece at is the plat in the office of the Engineer commissioner and to state the price at hich crish will be willing to sell the ortion that will be necessary to be taken on his or her premises. The notices are addressed to Messrs, J. H. Gordon, J. A. Custard, F. C. Houdler, John W. agiey, the heirs of Jacob Houdler, Mrs. Ocias S. Raudall, Messrs, M. C. and J. E. Caver, Joseph T. Kengia, the heirs of earry Weaver, E. J. Sacks, and J. C. and Schneider. STREET CAR MAIL SERVICE Postmaster Willett Says It Is in Operation on Some Suburban Lines.

NAMES OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS. Contracts were awarded resterday, un-der bids received for furnishing general

der bids received for furnishing general supplies to the District for the current fiscal year, as follows:

Manhattan Supply Company, eighteen items in Class 1; J. A. Senimous, twenty-four trens in Class 1; W. J. C. Dulaney, twenty hems in class 1; W. J. C. Dulaney, twenty hems in class 1; F. P. May, & Co., seven items in Class 1; George P. Math, five items in Class 1; George P. Math, five items in Class 1; Charles G. Stott & Co., thirteen items in Class 1; Easton & Rupp, sixty-two items in Class 1; R. C. Ballantyne, 128 items in Class 1. Dunlop Printing Company, twenty-seven items in Class 2; R. S. Adams, eleven items in Class 2. Postmaster Willett is disposed to regard with favor any suggestion looking to the betterment or enlargement of the mail

J. C. Dulaney, forty-nine items in

Class 3. J. B. Moses & Son, forty-three items in Class 4; Bom Brothers, sixteen items in Class 4; Wilmarth & Edmonston, twenty-

F. P. May & Co., 175 items in Class 5; F. P. May & Co., 175 items in Class 5; C. T. Carter & Co., cleven items in Class 5; George F. Muth & Co., six items in Class 5. the people in the suburbs where the car service was not in use would express themselves on the subject, their repre-Gregory, eleven items in Class arth & Edmonston, six items in Class The postmuster is rather inclined to P. P. May & Co., twenty items in Class 6; 6; F. P. May & Co., (wenty items in Class 6; M. W. Beveridge, two items, Class 6. Mitchelli & Reed, thirty-six items, Class 7; the Henry McShane Manufacturing Company, sixty-three items, Class 7; Thomas Somet-ville & Son, seven items, Class 7; Lewis Hopfestmeier, two items, Class 7; W. A.

The postunister is rather inclined to favor a pneumatic system for the long deliveries from the central post-office. By this means the most distant distribution points would be reached even more safely and expeditiously than by the car service. He does not want, however, to be com-mitted to either means of distribution and speaks of the pneumatic delivery unofficially. J. C. Ergeod & Co., thirteen items, Class S., S. R. Waters, eight items, Class S., S. R. Waters, eight items, Class S., William M. Galt & Co., three items, Class S., Austin Nichols & Co., three items, Class It is learned that a pneumatic system has not been contemplated in the new postorfice and that in all probability the cable car service will be the first departure from the 8: J. B. Bryan & Co., twenty-two items, ; J. F. Oyster, two items, Class 8; B. Earnshaw & Brother, two items, Class : Frank Hums, forty-eight tiems, Class 8; hoemaker & Basch, three items, Class 8; B. Rich & Sons, nineteen items, Class 9. The cable car service will to

Washington is modern enough to be in ne with Chicago and other cities where he rapid transit of the mail has been ac-Shoemaker & Busch, thirty-nine items, lass 10; F. A. Tschiffely, jr., seventy-fix tens, Class 10; Scheller & Stevens, 155 items, thas 10; Z. D. Gilman, five items, Class 10. elerated on the wheels of the cable and Shoemaker & Busch, twenty-seven items. Class 11; High Reilly, fifteen items, Class 11; New York Lubricating Company, three 11; New York Lubricating Company, three items, Class 11; W. H. Butler, three items, Class 11; Mackail Bros. & Flemer, fifty-three items, Class 10; same, five items, Class 11; Standard Oil Company, one item, Class 11; George F. Math & Co., sixty-one items, Class 11.

George H. Shehan, forty-one items, Class 12.

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F. Gallager & Bro., sight items C. E. Price Arrested For Setting Fire to His Own Store Clarence E. Price, proprietor of the stile store at No. 633 L street southwest,

George H. Shehan, forty-one items, Class 12; F. T. Gallaher & Bro., eight items, Class 12; Church & Stephenson, five items, Class 12; T. W. Smith, three items, Class 12; R. H. Hood, two items, Class 14; W. D. Clark & Co., thirteen items, Class 14; D. Clark & Co., thirteen items, Class and Evans and charged with arson.

The fire was discovered by the two policemen last Thursday night and was extinguished by them before the engines arrived, and they afterward discovered that the interior of the place had been the statement of the place had been the statement of the place and been the statement of the place had been the place had been the statement of the place had been the statement of the place had been the M. B. Chipf, & Co., infriend richns, Class 16; Lansburgh & Bro., eighteen items, Class 16; B. Rich & Sons, one item, Class 16, Kennedy & Duperow, ten items, Class 18; W. A. Pate, three items, Class 18; Royce & Moreau, seventeen items, Class 18, Contad Becker, seven items, Class 19; W. A. Pate, thirty-five items, Class 19

W. A. Pate, thirty-five items, Class 19 John B. Daish, cleven items, Class 20; H. P. Pilisbury, three items, Class 20; John O'Day, one item, Class 20. The foregoing list embraces the awards for all supplies with the exception of meats.

CHILDREN THE VICTIMS. Mortuary report for the twenty-four oursending at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday: trolley car. No 26 at the corner of Fourth White—Josephine G. Bienner, agodi wenty-five years; Regina M. Siattery, aged seven months; Richard D. Long, aged three months; Eleanora Donaldson, aged one month, and Eleanora Brown, aged one day. Colored-Mary Graham, aged sixty-five years; Stephen Carter, aged forty-one years; Maria Garnett, aged thirty-six years; Maria Garnett, aged thirty-six years; Arthur W. Johnson, aged mineteen years; James Nelson, aged ten months; Virginia Dart, aged nine months; John Sayles, aged five months; William E. Spriggs, aged four months; Helen Armstead, aged two months; Rosie Lawson, aged two months; Rosie Lawson, aged two months; Ewicka Gillard, aged one month;



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All of them we have, at Sixty-nine Cents.

There are no three and but simply every one dollar and dollar fifty hat in our ing drivers are no longer in the employ of the fine stock.

It's an exceptional pricean unusual bargain.

Our window is full of these hats-so you need not even come in to see them.

623 Pa. Ave.

Altred Clemons, aged one month; thant of Altred Clemons, aged one month; Charles Rollins, aged eleven days, and Estelle Lewis, aged four days. Sixteen of the twenty-one deaths re-ported were of infams under one year, in-dicating that cholers infantum, and kin-

dred diseases are performing their deadly

Building permits issued yesterday: Ep-worth M. E. Church South, to construct a house of worship at the northeast corner of Seventh and A streetsnortheast, \$12,000. of Seventh and A streets northeast, \$12,060. Charles A. Randall, dwelling, No. 505. Fourth street foutheast, \$3,600. E. S. Morgan, frame dwelling, block 5, Eleventh street, Brookland, \$2,000. W. E. Norton, frame dwelling, 2021. First street southwest, \$1,000. John W. Richter, dwelling, and tool shop, square 609 rear of Second street southwest \$200. James Jasper, repairs to dwelling, No. 17,08 Seventh street northwest, \$800. J. T. Hoskins, to alter and repair dwelling, corner of South Capi-

northwest, \$800. J. T. Hoskins, to after and repair dwelling, corner of Seath Capitol and N streets, \$1,500. R. Wilkinson, repairs to store, corner Thirty-second and R streets northwest, \$225. Chief Parris, of the Fire Department, reported for the month of June twenty-two fires, involving an aggregate loss of \$14, 329; insured for \$10,870. Fifteen local alarms incurred losses amounting to \$915, covered by an insurance of \$865. The District Audit at the accretary to the Board of Commissioners, and the property Board of Commissioners, and the property clerk were yesterday designated as a committee to recommend the appointment of the contingent fand for the current fiscal

VAN HEEST-MARSHALL MATCH.

Will Fight at Eureka Club, as Will Also McMillan and Raedy. The Eureka Club has at last succeeded in landing the fight between Johnny Van Hoest and Jerry Marshall, for which they have been angling for some weeks, and will pull the "ge" off on the 23d instant. Both men have signified their readiness to fight under the conditions offered by the club and will sign articles as soon

Mr. Lewis Newmeyer, president of the club, received a telegram last night from Van Hesst in which he said that he would reach this city at 7 o'clock this morning. He will at once go into training, and will

probably make the Outing Club his head-quarters.

The thirty-three round fight to a draw that Van Heest and Marshall recently had at Wheeling, W. Va., gives promise of a game and spirited contest at the Eureka Club. Mr. Newmeyer has also secured the Billy M. Millian-Pat Racdy "go." which is scheduled to take place on the 6th of August. The principals will meet at the office of the club this morning to sign articles agreeing to go for 60 per cent. of the gate receipts. In this fight there is also a \$500 side bet.

### PINE TREE CLUB FOR SHORT.

Sons and Daughters of Maine Will Change Their Name.

The Sons and Daughters of Maine gave a literary entertainment at their hall on G street northwest, last evening. Despite the extremely warm weather a large number of members and their friends were in the most seujoyable in the history of the

The programme was an unusually entertaining one, and contained many original compositions by Mrs C. L. Ruford, Mrs. Dr. Patten, Mr. O. H. Briggs, Mrs. C. A. Metcalf, Mr. Samuel Ramsey, Mr. Pitmar Metcart, Mr. D. O'Donobue, and others.
While every number rendered was greatly
enjoyed. Mrs. George W. Hall's reading
'The District Spelling School' was especially clever, and evoked much applianse. The executive committee of the Sons and Daughters of Maine have proposed an endment to the constitution, changin name of the association, and in al

### TO BE PAID IN VIRGINIA.

Transfer of Fidelity Building Associ ation Funds Ordered by Judge Cox. Judge Cox yesterday made an order for funds here in the hands of Receiver Hatley Norton, of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association, to be taken to Alex-dria for distribution under the care of Judge Hughes, of the federal court for the

Judge Hughes, of the reterni court for the eastern district of Virginia.

The Virginia court has decreed that the assets shall be distributed to all claimants without reference to residence with fairness. Residents of Virginia are to have no preference. Creditors are to be prefered o stockholders in making payment eiver must, however, pay all costs in the Some of the claimants here may take an

appeal, otherwise the case will disappear from the District courts. The Protective Railway Union ran busses Visitors from the Smoky City.

A party of Christian Endeavorers, number ag about fifty, arrived in Washington resterday morning and registered at the Hotel Vendome. The delegation is from Pittsburg and neighboring cities and will travel from Baltimore to Boston by water. The party consists of J. V. McCormick, Florence M. Young, M. G. Gibson and wife, W. N. Haslett and wife, Mary R. Doran, Magneta Doran, Kufe Sanleira, W. S. Maggle Doran, Kate Snelsire, W. S. Horrer, and wife, Miss R. J. Lamg, Miss Iva Lamg, Charles C. Ross, Charles Fall and supplant the railway line.

Four Drunken Soldiers D. J. Davis, William Easterman, Louis Brahin and wife, Ed. C. Cunnington and Brahin and wife, Ed. C. Cunnington and wife, Charles M. Fairman, Alice D. Fairman, Barbara Easterman, Grace Welfal, John Weller, Charles R. Fisher and Robert Frew, of Pittsburg; Annie McCormick, Eleanore M. Arthur, Miss L. Fulton, Miss Ida Eckert, C. H. Eckert, S. J. Anderson, Mrs. Jennie Brown, Grace G. Swan, Mary A. Swan, Jeanette Swan, Mrs. Isabella Nichols, Jeanette Clark, Mary Frew, Emma K. McClure, Mary McCormick, Mrs. H. Kemp, D. Charles Price and Mrs. M. A. Price.

Anacostia Citizens Rally to the Support of Car Men.

GRISWOLD IS OBDURATE

He Refuses to Increase the Drivers' Wages-Offers to Let Cifizens Run the Cars If They Will Guarantee the Fixed Charges-Rousing Meeting of Residents.

The Anacostia car drivers are persistently maintaining their contest with President Griswold, and upon his part, so far as he has expressed himself, Mr. Griswold is quite as persistently declining to comply sith the demand for an increase of pay. four dollar hats among these, yesterday, and there was no attempt made to start them.

President Griswold considers that the strikcompany. He has announced that their names have been stricken from the pay-rolls, and that they are not entitled to further consideration at his hands. He has also notified them that they may

call in person or by committee and obtain the money due them.

ome in to see them.

If you want one come

The men, on the other hand, do not consider that they have been dismissed. They voluntarily declined to work for less than \$1.50 per day, Mr. Griswold refused to accede to their terms, and this ended the compact. They are, however, contending for the advance in wages and believe that the company will eventually yield the

OTHERS MAY BE EMPLOYED.

It may result in the employment of other men than those who are making the fight, but even this is not conceded by the em-ployes. Whatever may ensue, they are confident that the wage scale on the road will be advanced to their price. The strikers have the sympathy of the people beyond all question. The very large



Glad of the Strike.

attendance at the meeting held last night, and the expression of sentiment by leading citizens, is ample evidence of this. The spacious hall in the Masonic Temple was spacous hall in the Masonic Temple was crowded and many stood about the doors unable to get in. Every atterance in sup-port of the strikers was vociferously ap-planded, and finally when Mr. Barnabas Bryan introduced a resolution pledging the neeple not to patronize the road until the company does justice to the employes, the enthusiasm found expression in cheers, and not a voice was heard in opposition to the notion for its adoption. The sentiment in favor of the proposition was over-whelming.

whelming
The meeting had behind it the moral support of the Anacestia Citizere' Association, its pre-ident and many of its leading members being present and par-

INDORSED BY CITIZENS Besides this manifestation of approval, the association held a formal meeting, at which the position taken by the men was indorsed. Mr. Griswold had been invited o express to the association his views of

the situation, and did so.

He reiterated in a written communica-tion his refusal to increase the wages of the men, stating that 'the refusal is only made upon the grounds that the compar will not contract to pay wages that it foes not see its way clear to do."
"It would be exceedingly humiliating, if not downright dishonest," he added, "to engage men and be unable to pay them the

prices agreed upon."

He then proffered to put the road into He then professed to put the road may be hands of "one of more Anacostians or ther responsible persons" who will guaran-ce its final and fixed changes and its operat-c expenses, and "will pay \$1.50 for ten-ours" work, or \$1.75 or \$2, whatever such persons may stipulate, any deficiency to

e made good at the end of each and every His communication was laid upon the able, and a committee was appointed His communication was laid upon the cable, and a committee was appointed, headed by President H. A. Linger as exofficio chairman, and composed of J. E. Minnix, George H. Gray and Herbert F. L. Allen, to interview the District Commissioners concerning the alleged violation of charter by the company in running "bob-tail" cars.

ADDRESSED THE MEETING.

The mass-meeting was addressed by President Lawrence, of the Railway Protective Union; Mr. Peck, T. P. Green, James Keating, R. B. Buckley, Dr. George Havener, Mr. H. A. Linger, George Thomas, Charles Brookes, Mr. Van Hay, James Trainer, Frank Bent, and others, and the men were counseled on the one band to stand firm in the demand, and cheered apon the other with assurances of sym-

pathy and support.
During the progress of the speech-making the contrast was drawn between the wages on the Augeostia line and what the employes received on all other suburban oads, in each instance the comparison

being against the Anacostia.

The editorial in yesterday's Times upon the strike was referred to and itssentiments were cheered to the echo. By a rising vote the thanks of the meeting were manimously tendered the paper for its expression.

President Griswold was requested yeaterday to give The Times a statement. He replied that he was perfectly willing to talk of the past, but had sothing what-ever to say as to the future. He wished it to be understood, he said, that the re-port circulated of his having made over-tures to the employes was false. He pos-tively refuses to make the advance in

The Protective Railway Union ran busses yesterlay from Anacostia to the Navy Yard, to accommodate citizens who desired transportation.

No fare was exacted, but most passengers voluntarily passed in a nickle apiece. This, together with a voluntary contribution made at the mass-meeting, increased the strike fund by as much as \$50.

Both sides of the controversy remain form, and there is to containty as in the date.

when the road will resume operations
It is suggested by many that the herdic mpany run a line of herdics to Anacostia.

Policeman Herbert, of the Fourth precinct, had a lively tussle with four drunken soldiers last night, and had to do some hard fighting to get them to the station-house. They were Leon Butler, Joseph Bowles, Albert Miller, and John Mc-Hellen, from the Arsenal, and were en-gaged in a free fight among themselves on Seventh street southwest. When the poeman tried to arrest them they resisted. but were finally gotten to the station-house. Each left \$5 collateral for his

## CROCKER'S Annual Summer Sale

BEGINS TO-MORROW MORNING at O'CLOCK, and lasts for 20 days. And, as usual, the values we shall offer will make it memorable.

Once each year in the middle of summerwe open wide the flood-gates of low pricesand sell summer stock regardless of worth

The time for this year's sale has come. Several hundred people have recently asked us about our ANNUAL SUMMER SALE. And, as we're ready for it, we've put these astoundingly small prices on all the Summer Shoes in stock, and all that come in during this sale.

All \$7 SHOES \$4.90. 6 SHOES 4.90. 5 SHOES 3.90. 4 SHOES 2.90. 3 SHOES 2.25.

-It's a general sweep! Every Man's and Woman's High or Low Summer Shoe is affected by it. And the same proportionate reductions have been made on all Children's Low Shoes and High Russets.

-Needless, we think, to say a word about the stock. You know how good it is-how rapidly it sells without a sale.

-We've made ample provision to accord you prompt service in spite of the crowds that will attend as long as the sale lasts. So you'll be waited on promptly while the big electric fans will keep you cool.

# Crocker's,

### MISS KEY FACES POVERTY

She and Her Blind and Aged Mother Have No Support.

TURNED OUT OF HER OFFICE

She Was in the Pension Office for Many Years and the Charge of Inefficiency Covered Her Removal. Fate of the Granddaughter of the Composer of "Star Spangled Banner."

"We will be without a penny in the world by next Monday week," was the way her condition and that of her aged and blind mother was stated to The Times last night by Miss Elizabeth Key, the grand daughter of Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star Spangled Banner." This affectionate daughter has had a hard time since her story was printed first in The Times about a month ago, the story having been retold widely since that publication

hroughout the nation.

Miss Key was one of the unfortunates dropped from the rolls by Commissioner Lochren, of the Pension Office. She held office since the Haves administration and was retained until the Dockery guillotine began its indiscriminate work. Miss Key last Saturday was obliged to send to the Confederate Home, at Baltimore, a veterau of the war, who had been supported by her or years.

Besides this one of her first coupling had the statement published that she was an imposter, which statement was

FRIENDS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. Miss Key was appointed to office through the influence of the late Senator Pendleton of Ohio, who married the youngest daugh ter of Francis Scott Key, Alice Key, and the aunt of Miss Elizabeth Key, who with her mother, is boarding at No. 532 Twentieth street northwest.

Friends have intervened with the Pension office authorities for the reinstatement of Miss Key, but without avail. Secretary of Agriculture Morton called at the office to investigate the case, but was informed that Miss Key was dismissed for "inefficiency." She said last night that the duties she was conforming at the time of her dismissal was conforming at the time of her dismissal was performing at the time of her dismissal was

performing at the time of her dismissal was simply the counting of slips.

Her influence appears to have gone, but she still has some hope that the Key Monument Association, of Frederick City, Md., may be of some assistance. She is informed that that association, which has undertaken to build a monument to the composer of the national lyric, will interest itself in her behalf, but she has not heard yet what has been or what will be leard yet what has been or what will be

Her grandfather, she says, was once District attorney for this city, and died while holding that office. The old Key mansion is one of the landmarks of Georgetown. It is pointed out with becoming pride to visitors to that city. It once had a beautiful garden in front of it, but the canal now runs through what was a part of the garden. Miss Key does not remember much about

her grandfather. She told, however, a very interesting story about the original of the "Star Spangled Banner." GAVE IT TO THE GARDENER.

Her grandfather was an intimate friend f President Jackson, and was a frequent visitor at the White House. The gardener at the White House those days was a man named Mahr, who did business as a florist

In this city.

The gardener asked for and received the original notes of the patriotic song which was written on the back of a letter. Mahr

office, and in order to recover the document the acquainted Mrs. Senator Pendictor of

Investigations were, however, suddenly ended by the tragical death of Mr. Pondiston, in Central Park, New York, It is probable that the story is true for the informant of Miss Key was a gentleman of standing, officially and otherwise. It is possible that a runimaging around in the old trunks and archives of Georgetown may bring the original to light. It is not likely that a document of the value of this could have been destroyed otherwise than by an accident.

### ALEXANDRIA HAPPENINGS.

Mayor John G Beckham, with Dr. William M Smith, reached home yesterday morning after a short trip to Europe. Their arrival home was very inexpected, as it was generally thought that they would not reach here until the 15th of this month. Mr. Beckham's health is greatly improved by the trip, but the physician does not think it advisable for him to assume the duties of the mayor just yet, it is expected that he will go to one of the Virginia springs for a month or two and will then return fully restored in health. Meanwhile Mr. Herbert Snowlen, president of the common council, will continue Mayor John G. Beckham, with Dr.

o act as mayor. The building of the new rectory of Grace piscopal Church was begun yesterday

Alexandria is now without a health Alexandrin is now without a health officer and the acting superintendent of police, W. B. Bobner, is filling that office. At a recent meeting of the city council a communication was read from Br. Julian Miller stating that he would not serve as health officer after the first of July. The council failed to fill the vacancy and is to a council rate of the council failed to fill the vacancy and is a quandary what to do.

John E. Massey has instructed Capt. Kemper, the city superintendent of ablic schools, to hold his examinations for teachers in this city as follows: For white teachers in Washington school building on August 5th and 7th, and for colored teachers in Snowden school on August 7th and 8th. The county teachers examin-ations will be held in Hume school house n the same dates.

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The mectings of the Alexandria Christian Union Mission in the old Presbyterian Church, have been discontinued and in their stead open air mestings will be held.

Mr. W. E. Clarke, president of the Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Company, is still critically ill at his home, in Hayfield, in Fairfax county.

The Presbyterian Church at Ballston, Alexandria county, was on Friday evening list, organized as a separate church in list, organized as a separate church.

og last, organized as a separate church inder the title of the First Presbyterian inder the title of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston. The church officers elected are Messrs M. C. Muuson, A. P. Douglas, H. A. Whallan, and A. G. Hayes, cliers, Messrs. A. W. Catheart, T. I. Detashmutt, Dr. H. C. Corbett, Mrs. S. L. Johnston, and Miss Mamie Young, Jeanna.

The new church now has a membership of sixty-seven persons. For the present Rev. Dr. Rathburn, of Fails Church, will remain as the pastor.

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Jim Richards, Spider Clifft, Matt Williams and 'Ad Fisher, young white men,
were accessed yesterday evening on a
warrant sworn out by Charles J. Meyers,
of Washington, one of the owners of the
sloop Ruby, which was sunk by running
upon the remains of the burned steamer
Clay of Abexandria off this sity on Sanday City of Alexandria off this city on Sunday last, charging them with having gone out to the sloop after it was wrecked and atealing the sails, and all the removatie property they could get from her and selfng it. They were arraigned in the Mayor's ours last night before acting Mayor Snowden, who, after hearing the evidence, held Matt Williams for further examination, and released the othe

Raided Benlah Lyle's House

Sergt. Shilling and Policemen Barry, Flather, McGrath, Williams, McDaniels, Schuyler, Emmert, and Hooper raided the house of Beulah Lyle, near the corner of Thirteenth and D streets northwest, last night and arrested the proprietress and Mamie Davis, Ida Gray, Annie Brooks, and Lola Prestcot. Beulah was charged with subsequently sold the manuscript to a keeping an immoral house, and the rest banker in Georgetown. These facts were were held as United States witnesses.